
DR. ALAM HAMEED YACCOB

Alam Abdul Hameed Yaccob, Professor of Community Medicine, in Al Mostanssiryah Medical College, Baghdad, died on 31st of January 2004 because of a miserable car accident, his son Yousef was lost also in the same accident.

For all of us, his family, friends, colleagues, he personified the best in all-round complete doctor.

He was brought up in Basrah, in a well known respected and educated family since 1951, finished his secondary school in 1970, then moved to Basrah Medical College, where he proved himself for six years as an outstanding student, always the first in his class.

After his graduation from Basrah Medical College in 1977, he stayed two years as a resident doctor, then he departed to UK to join London School of Tropical Medicine where he finished his Ph.D thesis with, again, outstanding degree. His thesis was considered the first in the year of his graduation and for this reason he was given honorary medal. Then he achieved the membership of the Royal College of Community Medicine.

After his graduation he moved back to his home city Basrah, and started active participation in teaching, both under and post graduate students in the department of Community Medicine for several years. He proved himself as a well disciplined hard working gentleman with a strong desire to move quickly forward.

In 1992 he was appointed as Dean to Basrah Medical College where he tried his best to life up the scientific level. He was well known for being strict, scientific and obsessive.

He reached he professional status in 1995 because of his distinguished writings.

Finally he moved to the capital of Iraq where he had the chair of Dean of Al Mostansseryah Medical College. He had very good relation with the WHO throughout the period of his service in Iraq and then he was appointed as a representative in the Middle East.

The departure of Professor Alam, hopefully for heaven, was very much disappointing for all of us, we felt it was a real loss of academic person, the country in disparate need for his service, we ask God to forgive him, to be kind and helpful to him. Certainly we shall never forget him, he is alive by his wife Saba his son Ahmed and his daughter Noor.



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